M-11831 Scott D Lewis AB4SL April 18, 2019 I’m opposed to changing 97.221 & 97.3 regarding bandwidth. I also question the wisdom of our EOC‘S digital reliance on a single digital mode with a proprietary TNC which most of our amateur radio operators are not using at home. I’ve been on the receiving end and I’ve seen other stations suddenly obliterated by much greater than 500 Hz signals / Pactor. Due to the proprietary format, I can’t even decode the call signs that are transmitting these wider than 500 Hz Pactor signals. I have also noticed some HF packet stations have been forced out of the automated station operation allocation by HF Pactor station operation in the center of the 5 KHz allocation for 40 meters. It should be noted that even with compressed information on packet and other modes excluding Pactor, you can easily see the call signs of the stations involved with freely distributed software. Nor do you need to purchase a $1500 dollar TNC to participate in any event. I’ve always felt these proprietary SCS Pactor system would limit the ability of most amateur radio operators to participate via HF digital in an emergency event. It seems counterproductive to reduce amateur radio operators and their creativity while limiting us to using a SCS Pactor TNC. In the event the 500 Hz restriction is lifted or expanded to 2.8 KHz, it could also make other wide band modes possible. I’m wondering how well 300 to 9600 baud packet would work with a bandwidth of 2.4 KHz as opposed to the Narrow Bandwidth we are limited to on HF. Current HF Packet is 200Hz wide. I don’t think you should open the flood gates. I’m reminded of an operator that runs a 1000 watts on SSTV, but apparently can’t hear! I also feel the EOC’S dependence on the SCS Pactor TNC with its proprietary format stifles the overall manufacture, development and production of TNC’S and software by other entities. We may need any station left or what they can manage to scrape or put together in an emergency. Being dependent on proprietary equipment not commonly available or present is a misfire waiting to happen! Sincerely Scott D Lewis AB4SL